Kerosene oil Quota to U.P.

1788. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: -

(a) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh is getting Kerosene quota less than the national average;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the quota of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The per capita availability of kerosene in U.P. during 1997-98 was 8.47 KG/annum which was below the national average of 11.41 KG/annum.

(b) and (c) Allocation of kerosene is made on historical basis, i.e. past years supplies plus additional allocation out of increase given at national level. SKO is a deficit product and more than 40% of our requirements are met by imports. Due to constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet the full demand of the States. A very high increase has been given in the allocation of kerosene in 1998-99 to those States having per capita availability of kerosene much lower than the national average. Accordingly, an increase of 18.01% has been made in the allocation of kerosene for Uttar pradesh for the year 1998-99, compared to the 8.58% increase at the country level. This increase amounts to an additional quantity of 212261 MTs. The per capita availability of kerosene in the State has increased to 10 KG/annum in 1998-99 from 8.47 KG/annum in 1997-98.

Conference on Oil Exploration

1789. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of petroleum geophysicists and oil industry representatives was held in Chennai on January 19, 1998 to identify and evolve appropriate strategies in oil exploration, to make India self reliant in respect of oil and other petroleum products;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof indicating the strategies evolved; and

(c) whether any plan of action is contemplated to make the country self-sufficient in respect of petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The 2nd Conference and Exposition on Petroleum Geophysics was held at Chennai from January 19—21, 1998. The theme of the Conference was "Roads to future Challenges and opportunities in Petroleum Geophysics".

Formulation of oil exploration strategies to make the country self sufficient in respect of petroleum production was beyond the scope of this conference.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Re- Constitution of Planning Commission

1790. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission is not being re-constituted for some time, as reported in the Economic Times dated 21.5.1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) when it is likely to be re-constituted to evaluate afresh the Ninth Plan document and also to discharge its assigned role in economic development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Planning Commission exists as per the Government of India's Resolution of 15th March, 1950. Planning Commission is discharging its assigned functions, and the work on formulation of the Ninth Plan, as per defined priorities in National Agenda for Governance is going on. The draft Ninth Plan document will be put up to NDC for approval in due course after following the due procedure.

National Task Force on Information technology

1791. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a National Task force on information technology as a step towards evolving a comprehensive National Information Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the Members of the Committee, its terms of reference and the other details are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to S.Q. No. 235.]

Computerisation of High Courts

1792. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that functioning of High Courts of India have not yet been computerised fully/partially;

(b) if so, the details of stages of computerisation achieved High Court-wise; and

(c) the time by which full computerisation is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) NIC has implemented Computerisation Project in all the High Courts with the following objective:

(i) to help the Registries of High Courts in streamlining their day to day activities.

(ii) to provide transparency of information to the advocates and litigants.

(iii) to provide access to legal and judicial databases to the Judges of High Courts.

To achieve these objectives, NIC has implemented List of Business Information System, Pending Cases Information System, Judgement Information System (JUDIS) and India Code Information System (INCODIS).

JUDIS and INCODIS systems are available on NICNET for day to day access by the High Courts.

High Courts have been provided NICNET Connectivity for accessing Supreme Court Pending Cases Information System, JUDIS & INCODIS E-Mail and INTERNET.

Adoption of One Family One Job Scheme

1793. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have adopted one family one job scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to extend this programme to the remaining States; and